



IFW 16378

PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 09481.0009-01000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Jeffrey A. HEROUX et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1637  
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Application No.: 09/976,437 ) Examiner: S. Chunduru  
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Filed: October 15, 2001 )  
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For: ASSAYS FOR MEASURING ) Confirmation No.: 3932  
NUCLEIC ACID BINDING )  
PROTEINS AND ENZYME )  
ACTIVITIES )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants petition for a one-month extension of time to file a reply to the Office  
Action of February 23, 2006. A fee of \$120.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter the attached  
reply and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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Respectfully submitted,

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